

## OIL OPTIONS IN AUGUSTA

Considerable Activity—Prospecting Near Stokesville.

### ROAD TO THE GREENBRIER

Extension of Chesapeake and Western Will Open Up a Valuable Undeveloped Territory and Will Bring Trade to the Valley Cities.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, VA., March 28.—The oil excitement has been started up again in the northwestern part of this county near Stokesville, the terminus of the Chesapeake and Western Railroad, a new road recently constructed from Elkton, in Rockingham county, by the way of Harrisonburg, to Stokesville. Last year Mr. J. T. Lightner, a prominent man of the Stokesville neighborhood, and who represents a firm of Northern capitalists, was taking options on all the land in that section that it was possible for him to obtain. It is claimed by a number of experts sent here by different parties that the indications of oil in this section are brighter than in any part of the State. It was generally understood when the different parties were manipulating in and around North River Gap last year, taking options, that it was their intention to start to work in full blast during this spring, but so far as can be learned the work has not commenced to any extent as yet, but favorable reports are coming from that section every day, and it is very likely that before many months there will be wonderful developments there.

A great deal of excitement was created in that neighborhood a short while ago over the discovery of an oily substance coming out of the ground, which, owing to the oil indications previously reported by the experts, was thought to be oil in its crude state. It is said that a large amount of this oil is owned by the Chesapeake and Western Company, and it is very likely that this company will do some prospecting.

STRIKING SPRINGS.  
The Chesapeake and Western Company have acquired the old Striking Springs property, in the western part of the county, and it is anticipated that they will begin immediately to improve this property for a summer resort. The springs, which are noted for their beautiful scenery, are situated in a beautiful and level spot at the foot of the rugged mountains and should be one of the best summer resorts in the State. These springs did a good business last year. The Chesapeake and Western runs in about two miles of the springs, and the company has constructed, at considerable cost, one of the best macadamized roads in the county, running from its station to the springs, and it is reported, and is the general belief, that the company intends to run automobiles from the station to the springs for the purpose of conveying their guests, as soon as the hotel and cottages are ready for use.

UNITED BRETHREN.  
The Virginia annual conference of the United Brethren in their one hundred and fourth convention in Staunton, Va., which is located at the forks of the Greenbrier River. This time it opened, will put Staunton in communication with West Virginia, and open up the country lying between the Chesapeake and Ohio and Baltimore and Ohio Railway systems, and will utilize the Frost Gap of the Allegheny Mountains, which is believed to be a lower gap in these mountains than any through which either the Baltimore and Ohio or Chesapeake and Ohio Railroads cross.

Following the Mayor, Rev. M. J. Wood, of the First Presbyterian Church, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Pastors' Association of Staunton. This address was responded to by Rev. J. S. Mills, of Annapolis, Pa., in an eloquent manner.

DUNSMORE-ANDREWS.  
Miss Theresa Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Andrews, was married to Mr. Clarence C. Dunsmore, of Marlinton, W. Va., Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. N. Scott, of the Second Presbyterian Church, of this city, and took place at the home of the bride. The parlor was beautifully decorated for the occasion with potted plants and cut flowers.

The bride was gown in white organdy and carried a bride's roses. The maid of honor was Miss Florence Andrews, sister of the bride, and the best man was Mr. R. B. Blakemore, of this city. After the ceremony, the wedding party repaired to the dining-room, where supper was served.

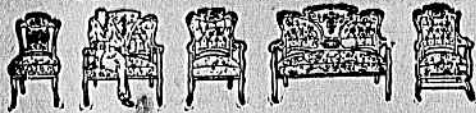
Mr. and Mrs. Dunsmore left on the late train for the West, and will make their future home in Marlinton, where the groom is employed by the local Board of Trade. The Staunton Board of Trade met in called session Wednesday evening for the purpose of hearing the report of President James H. Woodward, of the Board of Trade, who was sent to Richmond to the meeting of the several boards of the State. His report was satisfactory in every respect. A number of the resolutions passed by the conference in Richmond were adopted by our local Board of Trade. It was resolved that the local Board of Trade become a member of the State Board of Trade. Another meeting will be called before the meeting in Richmond on April 15th, for the purpose of reorganizing and to choose delegates to send to Richmond, during the April meeting there, to represent our local board.

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## YORK RIVER FISHERMEN

The Catches Are Larger, but Below the Average.

### SUCCULENT CRAB ARRIVES

He is an Ever Welcome Guest and is Industriously Gathered in by the Natives—A Peddler With a Fine Stock of Native Pelts.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
YORKTOWN, VA., March 28.—York county fishermen have had a little better luck during this week than last, having made much better catches, but the season is still well below the average, and fears are existent that money will be lost in the business, rather than profits accumulated. The catches are quite small, the largest individual hauls being 300 and 175 shad taken by two different firms at separate times. These are only ordinary results where profits are made, but when they become leading figures it is evident that there is a call for apprehension. The ruling high price in market is all that is enabling the men engaged to even make their bread.

THIS SUCCULENT CRAB.  
Crabs, the rich succulent crab, is again in evidence for the coming season, the first shipments having been made during the early part of the week. The appearance of the crustacean is always hailed with delight by the countless numbers of men and boys who make many an extra dollar by catching the "buzzard of the sea." The popular means used in catching the wily crab is the trot-line, a piece of three-eighths to half an inch manilla rope, from two hundred to three hundred yards long, with pieces of seine twine, possibly ten inches to a foot long, attached every two feet. These are ornamented with a good-sized chunk of beef-tripe, very tough of nature, and exceedingly high perfumed. Armed with this and a net-boy or two, the crabber takes a couple of empty flour barrels in his sixteen-foot batteau and patiently pulls up and down the lines extended lengthwise making an occasional stop to land the obnoxious "Junny Dick," a vicious old "Yellow Buck," a useless spoon crab, or a "pole-faced," diminutive youngster, which for hard-biting facilities or amphibious agility the world cannot equal.

A BIG BUSINESS.  
All these find their way into the shipping crates, and an untimely end, in adorning the city tables or vended through the busy thoroughfares as the delicious appetizing deviled variety. There are quite a number of firms who make crabs a specialty in the spring and summer, and these gentlemen are now in the new city closing contracts for the season. The copious rains and warm, damp weather of the past week or so have been very beneficial to the grass and hay crops. Alfalfa is looking especially fine and vigorous. The rapid growth of this

grass is remarkable, and this year it has really been phenomenal. Mr. R. E. McEvoy, of Temple farm, has a particularly fine plot of this fine species of clover, which, under the conditions noted, has almost outgrown itself. From the past Saturday evening to working hours Monday morning this piece of grass grew an even two inches in height.

FINE PELTS.  
'Tis surprising to see what this section of country, as densely populated as it is, produces in the line of furs. Overhauling the accumulated stock of a peddler who had been purchasing the pelts, skins of every conceivable description, kind and size, came to light. From the beautiful black mink skin, for which he eagerly paid \$1.50, fox hides, raccoons, opossums, muskrat, down to the lightly valued pelt of poor "Molly Cotton," which yielded only a cent and a half, his stock was complete. The bulk of which he possibly had a thousand pelts, formed the largest and most unique portion of the collection. One can scarcely believe that so many wild varnishes exist, such close neighbors to man.

The cultivation of tomatoes for canning purposes will soon begin to be quite an element of profit in agriculture. Mr. S. F. Miller and Mr. R. B. Roberts, of the Roberts canning establishment of Baltimore, planted a two-acre lot the past season, which resulted so well, that Mr. Miller will put down fifty acres this season, and ship them to the Messrs. Roberts. Mr. Miller is the well known secretary of the Board of Fisheries from Matthews county, and one of that good old county's most enterprising citizens. The Messrs. Gallagher will also make an experiment of four acres on their Goodwin's Neck farm, the fruit also to be shipped to the Roberts' canning concern of the Monumental City.

The annual influx of Northern and Western tourists has begun, and scarcely a day elapses but what a good sized delegation of folks from our distant and neighboring States gather here on the sacred ground to live over again the times of the Revolution or the stirring episodes of 1861. Numbers and numbers of old veterans return yearly to the scenes of vivid interest in their lives and bring their families to view also the most sacred spot in American history, and possibly the most sacred spot in the world. The need of increased hotel facilities is distinctly felt and sorely needed. Mr. George E. Bryan, who lately bought the old Bent property, will shortly take possession and commence improvements for the accommodation of summer guests as early as possible. Quite a number of a spot considerably visited by Richmond people, and yearly accommodates many of them. Mr. Bryan told us by correspondence, a few days since, he had been offered nearly two hundred dollars bonus on his purchase by a gentleman living in another part of the Peninsula, who stated he was one of a party of four or five who wished to erect a \$20,000 hotel for the summer trade.

Mr. Louis Hodge, while pilfering oysters a few days ago, had the good fortune to unearth a diamond back terrapin measuring seven and a half inches across the shell. He was securely packed and shipped to a famous Washington dealer who paid the lucky finder nearly five dollars for this lone specimen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrell, of Newport News, were guests here during the middle of the week. Mrs. William George Smith, of Portsmouth, is here with her husband, an officer of the Lancaster. Mrs. John Crankshaw and Mrs. D. W. Morris, who have both been quite sick, the latter dangerously, continue to improve. Both ladies have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

## POLITICS IN NOTTOWAY

It's a Game at Which Only Experts Play.

### GREEK TO MEET GREEK

Special Interest in the Approaching Contest Between the Haskins and Lee to Succeed Southall from Nottoway and Amelia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BLACKSTONE, VA., March 28.—Not off with the old love before being in with the new, in the matter of politics, best expresses the condition of affairs here at this time. The local option election for the town came off on yesterday, the result of which was reported in this correspondence, and now the fight for the Legislature has stepped right in to occupy the attention and interest of all the voters. That there will be warm times ahead all will admit, since both sides have on their fighting clothes and express a grim determination to win. It is said the Southern people are all fond of politics, and perhaps Virginians are in the forefront of this delight. It is equally true that Nottoway county is a past master of Virginians at the play, as those who have ever gone up against its game on a ready attest. When it comes to a contest among themselves it is truly a case of Greek meeting Greek, and the tug of war is immense. It is a case of "now you see it and now you don't" as to who turns the trick, and not until the last hand is called, it is by safely known who has won the jack pot.

To those who have anxiously watched the turn of the wheel, coppered on the deuce or stood pat over the green cloth, there yet remains something to test his nerves in the game of politics as played by the masters. That the giants will come forth in the present instance is apparent to the casual looker-on.

The contract for the grading of the section of the new Blackstone and Chesapeake City Railroad between this point and Nottoway river, a distance of about three and one-half miles, has been let to Messrs. Miller & Miller, who are expected to begin work next week.

It is said by those in the position to know that as soon as the charter is granted by the Corporation Commission the work of grading will be commenced all along the line.

In view of the building of this road, options on much timber lying along the proposed route have been secured by the timber men and speculators. Some of these options have already been closed and others will be at their expiration. All the exterior work on the new Presbyterian Church has been completed, and the inside is now receiving the finishing touches of paint. The pews are expected in a few days, and soon the edifice will be ready for occupancy. This is expected some time in May. There is still a deficiency in the building fund, but strenuous efforts are being made to relieve this, and it is hoped by the congregation to enter their new house at the above time with the gratification of not a dollar's debt hanging over it. The interior of the



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### Colored Dress Goods.

French Mistrals, in gray, cream, navy, reseda and black, 38 inches wide ..... 48c  
Tan and Brown Tweed, shrunk and sprouted, just the thing for Walking Skirts, 52 inches wide, per yard ..... 89c  
Bismarck, in seven shades, substantial weight, forty inches wide ..... 48c  
Navy Blue Broad Gauge, heavy weight, already shrunk, absolutely waterproof, turns water just like oilcloth; makes splendid rainy day skirts, width fifty-two inches, price ..... 98c

### Silks.

To-morrow we will put on sale a Heavy Black Taffeta, forty-six inches wide, worth \$1.75, for, per yard ..... \$1.39  
Another splendid offering is a Fast Black Corded Wash Silk, worth 80c, for ..... 49c  
Also a very large variety in colors at much reduced prices.  
Blue and White and Black and White Checks, in all sizes, ..... 69c  
Silk Grenadine, in plain and solid stripes and fancy stripes, 70c, to ..... 98c

### Black Dress Goods.

Among the new weaves for spring nothing is more popular than Blamies. We show it in all the different classes. Voiles, Mistrals, Sail Cloths and Panamas. Prices from 25c. \$1.25 up to .....  
One of the specials for Monday: A fine 42-inch Voile, worth \$1.50, for ..... 89c  
Plain and Corded Moirai, 44 inches wide ..... 48c  
A splendid quality of Nuna Velling, 45 inches wide, worth 80c, for ..... 69c  
One of the best general utility cloths for spring and summer is Crepesol. It is soft, lustrous, smooth, color and durable; width 44 inches, price ..... 75c

### White Goods.

#### Special Bargains.

White Organdy, sheer and fine, never sold for less than 10c; our special cut price ..... 634c  
Sheer Organdies, very fine quality, 22 inches wide; cannot be duplicated for less than 12 1/2c; our Monday cut-price ..... 934c  
Fine Madras, 32 inches wide; these goods will cost you from 15c. to 19c; our special price ..... 11c  
Fine Blamie, 32 inches wide, a small lot of 10c goods that we will sell Monday at ..... 11 1/2c  
Heavy Oxford, 22 inches wide; just what you have been paying 10c. for; Monday's price ..... 12 1/2c

### Embroideries.

15c. Embroideries, in many new patterns, exceptionally good values, special sale price ..... 12 1/2c  
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44-inch Flouncings, in all the new patterns, cheap at 25c; our price ..... 25c

### Wash Goods.

#### Cut Prices.

Fine Oxford, in white grounds, with polka dots, was 15c, now ..... 10c  
Windsor Tencels, a large line of small, dainty effects. You know this brand always sells for 12 1/2c; our Monday price ..... 10c  
Galatea Cloth, fine quality, white grounds, in blue and black stripes and all white, special price at ..... 12 1/2c  
Heavy Ginghams, in good patterns and colorings, that were 10c; our price ..... 8c  
Linen Backings, with white stripes, sheer and fine, was 10c; our special price is ..... 834c

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